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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
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under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:  
 Certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or  
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 a petition under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)(ii), and  
 a \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1).  
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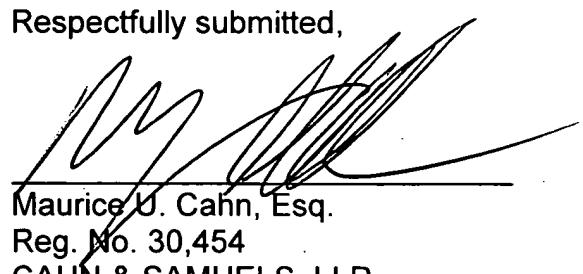
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are prior art as to Applicant(s). In addition, this statement should not be construed as a representation that no better disclosures exist.

Entry of the Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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